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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant: Harding et al.

For: CUSHIONING CONVERSION MACHINE AND  
METHOD WITH STOCK USAGE MONITORING  
(as amended)

Examiner: Vo

Art Unit: 3721

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, entry of the following amendments is requested.

**Amendments**

Please amend the application as below indicated.

**In the Title:**

*Please change the title to:*

**CUSHIONING CONVERSION MACHINE AND METHOD  
WITH STOCK USAGE MONITORING**

**In the Specification:**

Page 1, line 4, after "This application", please insert "is a continuation of co-  
owned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/475,627, which